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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 February 13, 2004

Sir:

The following is in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated January 16, 2004 wherein the United States Patent and Trademark Office indicated that the claims of the December 22, 2003 Amendment did not begin on a separate sheet.

In response to the Notice, Applicants are submitting on even date herewith a copy of the December 22, 2003 Amendment wherein the claims begin on a separate sheet. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the January 16, 2004 Notice be withdrawn and the application be passed onto the Examiner for further examination.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.37519X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 December 22, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 8, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.